

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/115,654	SHIBATA, YOSHINORI
	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the telephone interview of July 29, 2005.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19,21-29,33-50,53 and 54.

3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached

1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 7/19/00.

**Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**

7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 41
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Amir Behnia on July 29, 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 49, line 2, a comma --,-- has been inserted after "holder".

Claim 53, line 2, "support" has been changed to --said supporting--.

Claim 54, line 2, "support" has been changed to --said supporting--.

Additional Prior Art

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The newly-cited prior art disclose inventions which have features similar to the claimed invention. However, these inventions, each taken alone or in combination with the prior art of record, do not teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention.

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, each reference either taken alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention. For example, the prior art of record does not teach the combination of features including a table as claimed; a saw unit as claimed; means for supporting the saw unit as claimed, said supporting means enabling the saw unit to move in a horizontal direction and a vertical direction as claimed; and at least one of first lock means and second lock means, wherein the first lock means prevents movement of the saw unit in the horizontal direction as claimed, and the second lock means prevents movement of the saw unit in the vertical direction as claimed.

Additionally, it is noted that double patenting with respect to Sasaki et al., pn 6,170,373 has been considered, and it has been determined that there is no double patenting issue regarding the present application with respect to Sasaki '373. For example, independent claims 1, 18, 26, 33, 35, 40, 48 and 54 are the most pertinent to claim 3 of Sasaki '373. However, these claims require that the locking structure automatically prevents movement in the horizontal direction (i.e., both forward and rearward directions), whereas the claims of Sasaki '373, particularly claim 3, only require that the locking structure automatically prevents movement in one of a forward and rearward direction. Further, it would not be obvious to modify Sasaki to meet the claims of the present application since Sasaki is directed toward automatically preventing movement in only one direction with locking structure that will only work in

one direction, and further provides manually operated structure to prevent movement in both (horizontal) directions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on (571)272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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